

NOAA's PRESERVE AMERICA INITIATIVE GRANTS

2008 Request for Pre-Proposals DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2007

**Eligibility: Open only to NOAA employees and contract employees,
NOAA-wide**

Introduction

The NOAA Preserve America Initiative Grant Program (PAIG) is announcing its FY08 request for proposals. This popular (and recently award winning) mini-grant program is now in its 4th year and is designed to stimulate efforts within NOAA to preserve, protect and promote the agency's heritage assets.

NOAA's PAIG program is in response to President Bush's call to federal agencies to preserve and highlight historical assets (such as shipwrecks, historical sites, buildings, instruments, documents, photographs, important people and their careers, and other materials that have helped advance knowledge of the environment). Proposed projects under this mini-grant program should meet one or more of the Preserve America Initiative goals (listed below) and provide innovative ways to preserve and showcase NOAA assets that represent the Agency's heritage and contributions of science, service, and stewardship to the nation.

Projects from FY05 through FY07 have been very diverse and are a tremendous success. They generally ranged from \$4,000 to \$25,000 and vary in scope from interpreting historic and cultural resources in NOAA's care, to capturing oral histories of NOAA stakeholder groups, such as fishermen and Native Americans. In the past, some projects not funded by PAIG found their own champions and pursued funding through other sponsorships as a result of the increased visibility from the Preserve America Initiative. NOAA is leading the way for federal agencies in implementing the Preserve America Initiative. Just as during the first three years, NOAA leaders again encourage NOAA employees to develop new, creative projects to capitalize on NOAA heritage assets.

Subject to the availability of funds, FY08 NOAA PAIG will be awarded only to NOAA offices, although other federal, state, tribal, Native Hawaiian, other native cultures, academic and non-profit organizations can act as partners¹. Projects should be designed to address a specific need and be completed within a calendar year. Ongoing projects will be considered, and phased multi-year approaches are eligible although ongoing funding is not guaranteed. Projects that can be replicated are encouraged. The total available funding this year is expected to be approximately \$100,000.

¹ A Partner is a participating organization or agency that is *external* to NOAA.

NOAA Preserve America Initiative Grant Program Goals

1. Preserve, protect, or enhance historic NOAA properties or heritage assets (from historic maps and charts to historic scientific equipment to shipwrecks).
2. Put these assets to use in educational, research, tourism, or other types of projects.
3. Incorporate unique local or regional cultural heritage (such as local and tribal fishing traditions).
4. Develop new partnerships or expand existing partnerships.
5. Provide economic benefits (by preserving valuable assets, promoting heritage tourism, etc.).
6. Relate to NOAA's mission (as stated in "NOAA's Mission" and "NOAA's Goals and Priorities" on the NOAA website under the heading "NOAA Strategic Planning").

Pre-Proposal Directions

Use the form provided on the website to develop your pre-proposal. Please follow the instructions. Pre-proposals are limited to one page. The PAIG committee has strived to make the process straightforward and uncomplicated. Keep your responses brief! Pre-proposals may be submitted **electronically, by mail, fax, or hand-delivered** (address below), however they must be **RECEIVED by the mini-grant program Coordinator, Heidi Lovett, by Friday, December 28, 2007.**

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Review Procedures

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by a committee of NOAA employees from across all line offices. Pre-proposals that meet the grant requirements will be invited to submit full proposals (no more than 5 pages) which will be due by February 20, 2008. The full PAIG calendar is below.

Full proposals that are selected will be announced in mid-April 2008 and funds awarded by June 1, 2008. Proposals not selected this year can be revised, improved, and submitted the following year.

Critical Dates

By December 1, 2007	Grant opportunity announced
December 28, 2007	Pre-proposal due

By January 25, 2008	Approved pre-proposal will be invited to submit full proposals
February 20, 2008	Full proposals due to the PAIG coordinator (address above). Only approved pre-proposals will be invited to submit full proposals. (10 complete copies will be required to be submitted ² ; early submittals encouraged)
April 18, 2008	Announcement of selected proposals, <i>subject to availability of funds</i>
June 1, 2008	Award funds
September 1, 2008	All project funds must be obligated

For further information and background on the Preserve America Initiative:

Please visit the "Grant Information" and other sections of the NOAA Preserve America website (<http://preserveamerica.noaa.gov/welcome.html>).

² We highly encourage you to print back-to-back (duplex) to conserve paper.